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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Vince D'Amelio

Application No.: 10/706,668

Group Art Unit: 3651

Filed: November 12, 2003

Examiner: Khoi H. Tran

For: **PROCESSES FOR PACKAGING CASE READY MEAT PRODUCTS**

Date: July 28, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated June 30, 2006 ("the Action"). In the Action, the Examiner required a restriction for:

- Group I. Claims 1-29, 57-64 and 77, drawn to process for preparing case ready meat with the particulars the trays, classified in class 700, subclass 213 or class 53;
- Group II. Claims 30-56 and 65-76, drawn to method of treating meat while packaging the meat, classified in class 426.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects the claims of Group I (Claims 1-29, 57-64 and 77). This election is made without traverse.

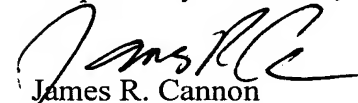
The Action also issued an election of species requirement. Applicant hereby elects Species I (the embodiment represented by Figure 1). Applicant believes that at least Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-21, 24-29 and 57-63 are readable on Species I.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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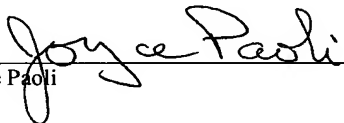
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